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## 2006 March

### Tourism students take top B.C. awards

Two third-year students from Capilano College's Tourism Management degree program are the winners of prestigious awards from British Columbia's business and tourism industries.

**Jordan Kallman** is the recipient of the Pat Corbett Leadership Award from the Council of Tourism Associations. The \$3,000 award is given to a student in a B.C. tourism program who has achieved a strong academic standing and has demonstrated leadership in the field of tourism.

The 25-year-old is working full-time as a manager of a Vancouver tour company while also attending school full-time.

"I'm not quite sure how I do it," he says, "but when it comes to these kinds of awards it makes it all worthwhile."

This recognition represents the highest award offered to a student by the tourism industry.

**Pat Corbett**, the first president of COTA, presented the award in front of 500 industry leaders at the provincial tourism industry conference held in Penticton in February.



Joseph Cooke

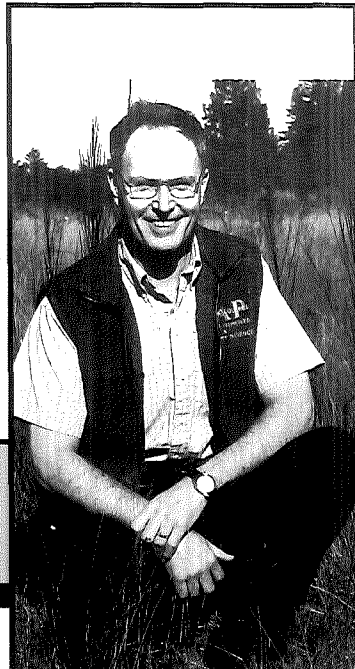
**Joseph Cooke**, 23, has received the B.C. Student Entrepreneur of the Year Award sponsored by CIBC and Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACE). Joseph was recognized for his work in creating his company, Saltwater Chefs, which supplies chefs to charter boats in the Vancouver area.

A graduate of the Dubrulle Culinary Arts diploma program, the 23-year-old felt he needed more education to further himself along. He registered with Capilano College's Tourism diploma program in January 2004 and is looking forward to acquiring his Tourism Management degree in August of this year.

"The curriculum and the attitude of the employees at Cap made me feel as though there was family involved," he said. "I knew I could come here and express my passion and be supported and kept on track at the same time."

ACE and CIBC are flying the North Vancouver resident to Toronto in May where he will be competing for the \$10,000 national Student Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

"I'm the only tourism student nominated and I want to win for the school," he explains. "I owe so much to all the instructors and especially to **Geoff Bird**, who has been one of the most inspiring figures to me."



College instructor, Dr. John Field, is well-known on the Sunshine Coast for his conservation efforts.

### close up

If you asked Capilano College science and biology instructor, **Dr. John Field**, what his two main passions are, he would probably answer education and conservation. A Sunshine Coast resident for more than 20 years, John has been actively involved in both, and both have reaped the rewards from his dedicated enthusiasm.

"As an educator, I feel most satisfied when people take with them a new or heightened enthusiasm for wild living things," explains the teacher who has worked in the Adult Basic Education department at Capilano College's Sunshine Coast campus since 1991.

"And as a naturalist and conservationist, nothing beats the feeling of accomplishment when the long-term survival of a natural place is secured."

Considered a local natural history expert, John has worked with several local conservancy organizations and is a founding member of the Friends of Caren, a group that successfully lobbied for creation of Spipiyus Provincial Park in the Caren Range on the Sechelt Peninsula.

"Most of my community volunteer efforts relate to environmental protection or simply enjoying nature," he says. "Capilano College has been very supportive of my community volunteer activities."

### Capilano College employees walk to Whistler



Almost 270 Capilano College employees ditched their Valentine's Day chocolates this year for a heart smart alternative by joining the Walk to Whistler challenge.

"We are encouraging our employees to walk and record 124,000 steps between February 14 and April 30, the distance between the College and Whistler," says **Julie Vanderyagt**, a member of the College's Wellness committee that is organizing the event. "We're hoping that College

employees take full advantage of what we hope will be a fun and healthy experience."

All registrants will be eligible for various prize draws that will be held throughout the challenge period. The grand prize draw will be for a weekend trip to Whistler, including one night deluxe accommodation at the Four Seasons Hotel, a Ziptrek ecotour for two, and theatre tickets to a show at Maurice Young Millennium Place.

ABE departmental assistant, Ingrid Driscoll, has her blood pressure checked by Health Services nurse, Mary Giccone.



## Escape from the drone zone

She claims she's one of the two people on the Sunshine Coast who isn't a gardener. Instead, Sechelt resident, **Anne Carr**, spends much of her time learning through Capilano College's Eldercollege programs.



Sunshine Coast resident, Anne Carr, is a perfect example of a lifelong learner.

"Eldercollege gives senior people somewhere to go to be challenged, share experiences and learn," says Anne, who graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts. "We get to a certain age and we're still growing - emotionally and intellectually."

Her history with Capilano College began in 1973, the year it opened its North Vancouver campus. She studied poetry with English instructor **Pierre Coupey**, and then added a few Early Childhood Care and Education courses. As her children grew, her interests also grew and the mother of two started taking university transfer courses.

"I graduated with a certificate in what was then called general studies," she says. "When my daughter graduated from UBC in 1992, I decided to complete my BA.

It took me 25 years to obtain it, but I loved the entire process."

Anne was attending her first year at UBC at the same time as her son, **Steve**, who was working towards his degree in Philosophy.

"We both also attended Capilano College at different times and we both took Philosophy from **John Dixon**," she says with a laugh.

"My son took one year at UBC then went to Capilano College to complete his university transfer courses. The smaller class sizes really appealed to him and the teachers were excellent. He then returned to UBC to finish his degree.

"I've always had a soft spot for Capilano College because I had such a wonderful time there," she adds. "It lit up my life and my mind would constantly be buzzing with ideas."

## Report from Ed Council

Submitted by Dr. Frank Harris

At the March meeting, Education Council gave approval in principle to the Advanced Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education.

Education Council bylaws were reviewed and minor amendments will be voted on at the next meeting.

The budget will be delayed because the Ministry has postponed providing final figures on the grant for a month. The College is proposing a two per cent fee increase, raising tuition to \$102 per credit, effective September 2006.

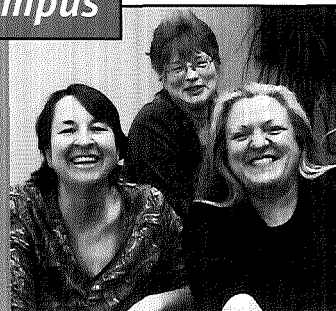
**Dr. Greg Lee** proposed that in 2010 the College have a reading break during the Olympics, from February 12 to 28. Classes would run from January 4 to April 16 providing the usual 13 weeks of classes. The reading break would allow students to attend the Olympics. Employees could use the time for work or vacation. The proposal will be voted on at the next Education Council meeting, so let your representative know your preferences.

The College is proposing Labour Studies be incorporated in Continuing Education.

The Diversity committee is holding a celebration March 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Birch Cafeteria.

## Greetings from the Sunshine Coast campus

These are the frontline employees who share the goal of providing exceptional service to everyone who visits Capilano College's Sunshine Coast campus. They are passionate about education and they are doing something on a daily basis that makes a positive difference in people's lives. They are, from left to right: divisional department assistant **Becky Wayte**, receptionist **Sandi Ward** and campus supervisor **Suzanne Perreault**. Missing from the photo is regional assistant, **Elinor Swanson**.



## More options for McRae alumni

Associates from the McRae Institute for International Management at Capilano College will benefit from a newly formed academic partnership in Europe.

Escuela de Administration de Empresas (EAE), Barcelona's

school of business of choice for 48 years, has agreed to offer McRae graduates access to their Master's of International Management program. After completing 12 credits in Barcelona (approximately 120 contact hours)

and a master's thesis supervised by EAE faculty, McRae alumni will receive a Master's of International Management from EAE. Courses will be in English with the option to attend some in Spanish.

## Longtime employee a great contributor

After 23 years of exemplary service, longtime Capilano College employee, **Wanda Burgermeister**, has decided to retire from her role of caretaker for the Squamish campus.

"We're just so grateful for all the work she has done for the College over the years," says Squamish campus dean, **Casey Dorin**. "We really want to wish her all the best in her future endeavours."

Campus supervisor, **Inge Oord**, mirrors Casey's sentiment, adding that Wanda is someone who could always be depended upon.

"She considers the College like her home," Inge says. "Her deep sense

of personal pride and ownership with her work will serve as an ongoing example to all those connected with the College."

Wanda and her partner **Keith Biglow** plan on starting their retirement with some much deserved traveling. In the meantime, her coworkers want Wanda to know how much she will be missed when she retires at the end of March.

"If I've brightened up someone's day in those years on the job then that makes me very, very happy," Wanda says.



Wanda Burgermeister

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